STM Article #3 DPW Facility Column

Transfer Funds from Free Cash to DPW Facility Capital

- To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to the Capital Account for the purposes of repairing or replacing a load bearing beam in the highway barn or possibly purchasing a temporary structure or leasing space to garage critical highway equipment.
- This article was supported by the Select Board, Advisory Board and Capital Planning Committee and has no impact on the tax rate.

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Brian Doheny 32 Main Street Ashburnham, MA 01430

RE: Repairs needed at main support column at DPW garage

Mr. Doheny,

At the request of Steve Nimms, former head of DPW, I reviewed the condition of the central steel support column in the main garage at DPW. The base of the post is rusted through and has shifted sideways from its original location and dropped in height due to the damage. You can see the damage in the photos below.

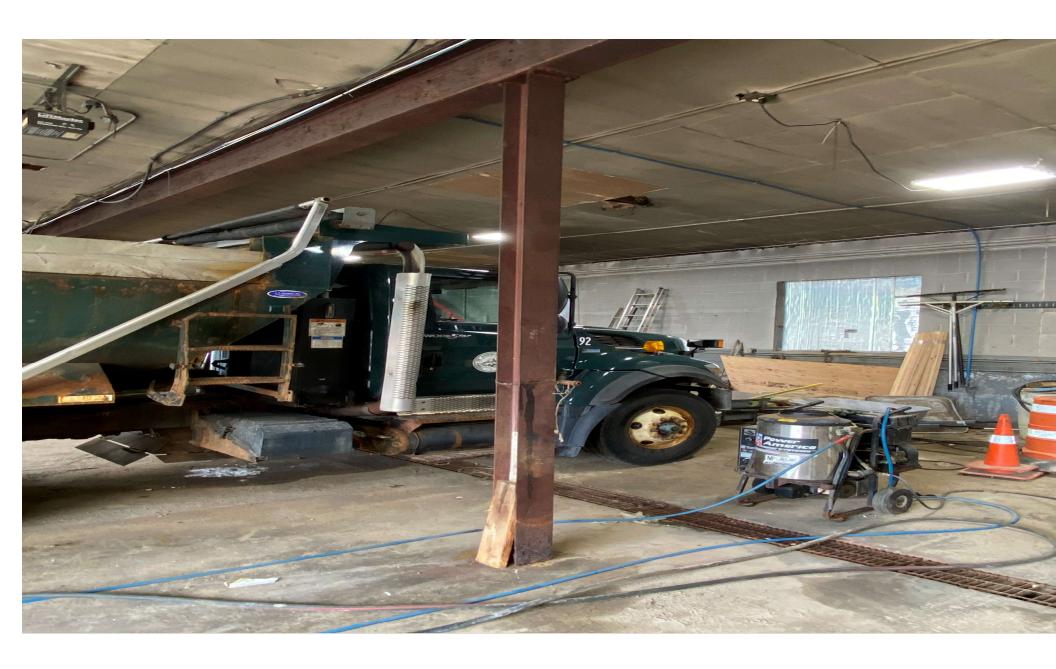
This is a dangerous condition. The column is no longer able to support the loads it was designed to support, nor is it pinned to the footing or slab at its base, so if it were hit, the entire column could move and risk structural collapse of the building. It should be replaced in accordance with an engineered design as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

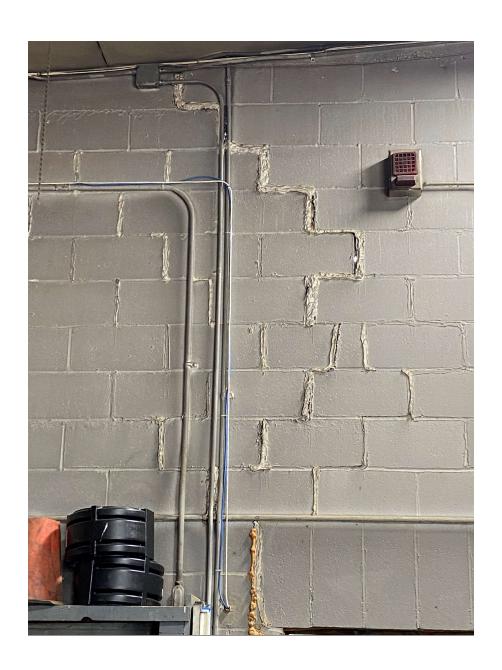
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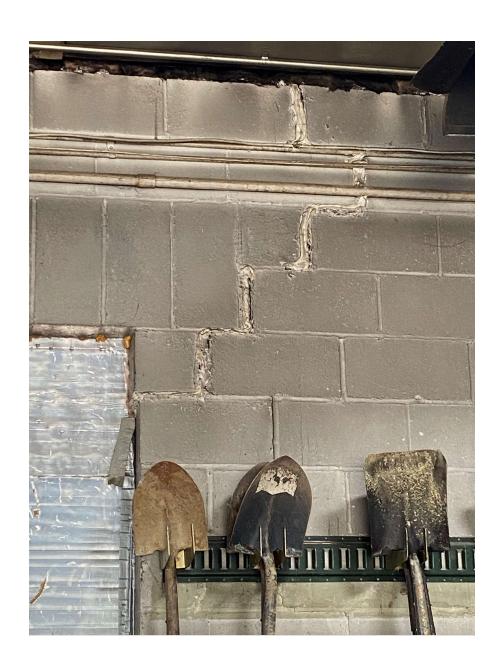
Building Commissioner Zoning Enforcement Officer Town of Ashburnham, MA











Indoor Storage is Necessary

- The equipment should not be stored outside.
- It **protects** the Town's investment in equipment.
- Locating vehicles indoors reduces maintenance costs, protects vehicles from corrosive conditions, extends useful life of the vehicles and protects against vandalism.
- A minimally heated environment enhances the performance of the vehicles, eliminating potential delays associated with cold engines and frozen equipment.
- It allows employees to quickly access their vehicles and connect to necessary equipment needed to meet the **immediate needs** of the community during extreme weather conditions.
 - Source: Weston & Sampson Technical Memorandum

In Conclusion

- The Building inspector deems the column as a dangerous situation.
- The timing of this repair is **critical** in allowing the building to be used to store the DPW trucks before the winter snow arrives.
- The wording of the article allows flexibility to either repair or explore other options to house equipment.
- Most importantly the funds are needed so that the safety of the personnel is not jeopardized this winter.
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